

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): PACKAGE HAVING LOCKING MECHANISM AND REINFORCED CELL

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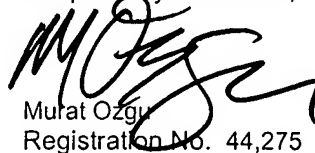
- ☒ 14 pages of Specification/Claims 1-17/Abstract are attached.
- ☒ Formal drawings (Fig(s). 1-10; 10 sheet(s)) is/are attached.
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to HOWELL PACKAGING DIVISION OF F.M. HOWELL & COMPANY is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and 10 reference(s).
- ☒ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status and acknowledgement of this status by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby requested.

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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$425 (\$385 for the filing fee and \$40 for the Assignment Recordation Fee) is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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